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1. MFA PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS NIELS ERSBOLL DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF THE PENDING EC FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH ME DURING A MEETING JAN 12. ERSBOLL BEGAN BY NOTING THAT THE FISHERIES MINISTERS WILL MEET JAN 16 TO DISCUSS THE NINE'S INTERNAL QUOTA DISTRIBUTION, AND HE ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED AN ACCORD TO BE REACHED. ERSBOLL EXPLAINED THAT THIS INTERNAL AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE NINE CAN CONCLUDE FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. HE REMARKED THAT THE PRESENT LACK OF AGREEMENTS IS STRAINING RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, NORWAY AND THE EASTERN EUROPEANS, AND THAT DENMARK IS PARTICULARLY IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF HERE SHARED FISHING TERRITORY WITH THE SOVIETS, THE POLES AND THE EAST GERMANS.

2. ERSBOLL COMMENTED THAT IT IS THE WEST GERMANS WHO ARE POSING
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THE OBSTACLES, AS THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT ALL FORMAL EC FISHING AGREEMENTS CONTAIN AN EXPRESS REFERENCE TO BERLIN'S BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY. THE EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE REJECTED THIS. ERSBOLL STATED THAT IN THEIR PRESIDENCY ROLE, THE DANES WILL INSIST IN THE JAN 16 MEETING THAT IF AN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED, A SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF FISH BE SET ASIDE AS BASIS FOR A FUTURE AGREEMENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE COMMISSION IS SINCERE ABOUT

WISHING TO COME TO A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WITH THE EASTERN
EUROPEANS, ERSBOLL SAID THAT IS MAY BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE
PROBLEM BY ESTABLISHING "AUTONOMOUS AGREEMENTS" WITHOUT A FORMAL
TEXT, SINCE THE BLOC COUNTRIES HAVE ASSURED THE COMMISSION THAT
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THE LANGUAGE REFERRING TO BERLIN.
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